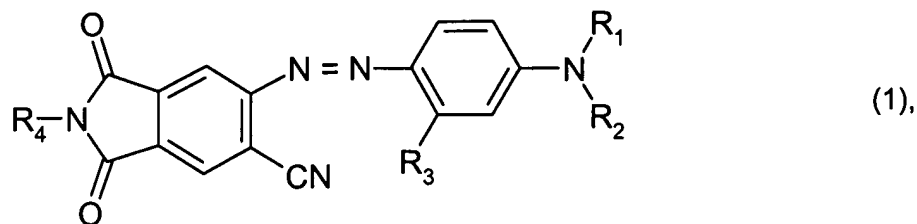


1. (original): A dye of formula



wherein R₁ is 2-methoxyethyl, 2-ethoxyethyl or 2-(2-ethoxyethoxy)ethyl,

R₂ is C₁-C₆alkyl which is unsubstituted or substituted by one or more hydroxy groups, halogen atoms, C₁-C₄alkoxy groups, C₂-C₈alkoxyalkoxy groups, C₁-C₄alkyl-COO- groups or C₁-C₄alkyl-OCO- groups, R₃ is methyl, hydroxy, halogen, -NH-SO₂-R₅ or -NH-CO-R₆, wherein R₅ is methyl or ethyl and R₆ is methyl, ethyl, methoxymethyl or 2-methoxyethyl, and

R₄ is ethyl or n-propyl.

2. (original): A dye according to claim 1, wherein R₁ and R₂ are the same.

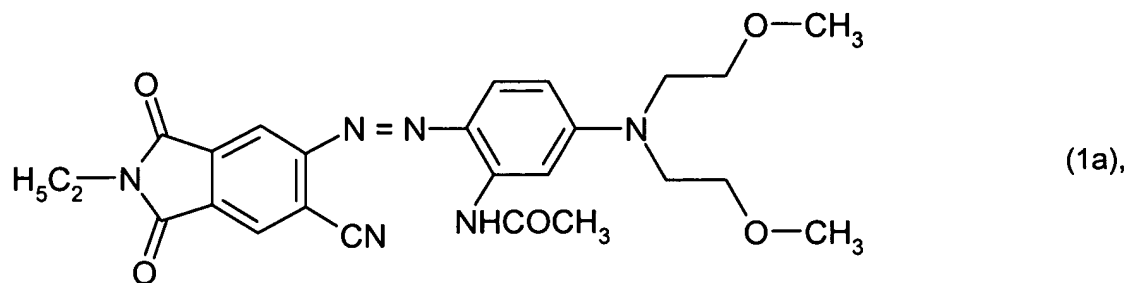
3. (currently amended): A dye according to ~~either claim 1 or claim 2~~, wherein R₁ is 2-methoxyethyl.

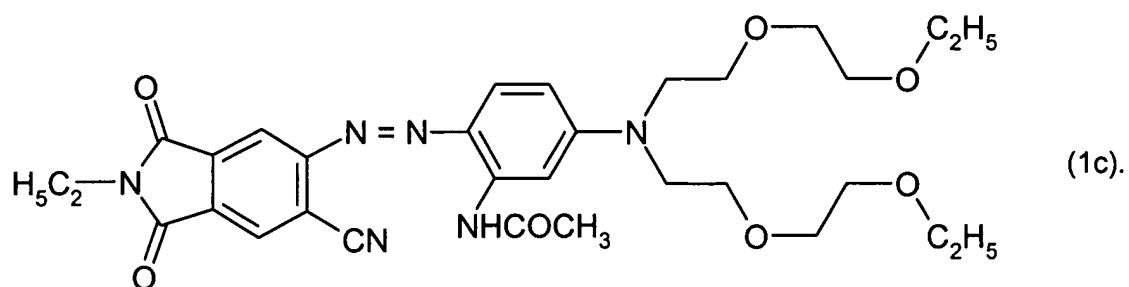
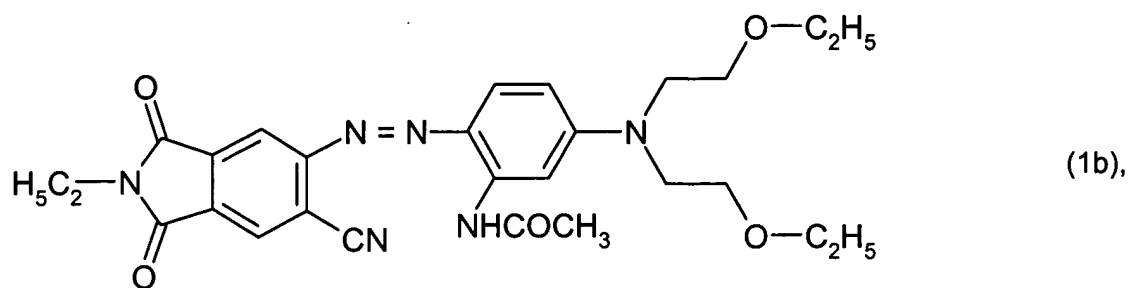
4. (currently amended): A dye according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein R₃ is -NH-CO-R₆.

5. (original): A dye according to claim 4, wherein R₆ is methyl.

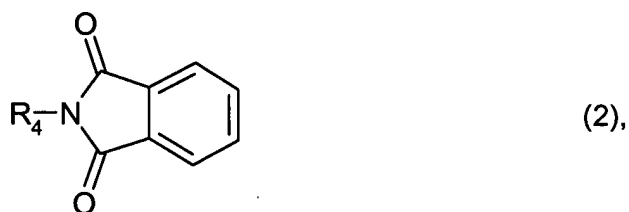
6. (currently amended): A dye according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein R₄ is ethyl.

7. (original): A dye of formula (1a), (1b) or (1c) according to claim 1



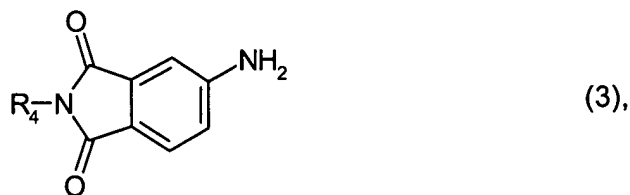


8. (original): A process for the preparation of a dye of formula (1) according to claim 1, in which a phthalimide of formula



wherein R_4 is as defined in claim 1,

is nitrated in the acidic range, the resulting nitro compound is then alkylated and converted by means of reductive treatment into an intermediate of formula



the intermediate of formula (3) is monohalogenated in an acidic medium and then diazotised, coupled to a compound of formula (4)



wherein R_1 , R_2 and R_3 are as defined in claim 1, and then the halogen substituent is replaced by cyano.

9. (original): A dye mixture comprising at least two structurally different dyes of formula (1) according to claim 1.

10. (currently amended): A method of dyeing or printing a semi-synthetic or synthetic hydrophobic fibre material, in which a dye of formula (1) according to claim 1 ~~or a dye mixture according to claim 9~~ is applied to the mentioned material or incorporated therein.

11. (cancelled).

12. (currently amended): A semi-synthetic or, ~~especially,~~ synthetic hydrophobic fibre material, ~~more especially a textile material,~~ which has been dyed or printed by the process according to claim 10.

13. (new): A method of dyeing or printing a semi-synthetic or synthetic hydrophobic fibre material, in which a dye mixture according to claim 9 is applied to the mentioned material or incorporated therein.

14. (new): A semi-synthetic or synthetic hydrophobic textile fibre material which has been dyed or printed by the process according to claim 10.